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Subject: Tennis courts

Good morning Mayor Finch, members of council and staff,

I am writing on behalf of the South Huron Optimist Club in support of the replacement of the tennis courts in Exeter. As you know, our organization is focused on providing opportunities for youth and families in South Huron, and we feel that a recreational activity such as tennis is a great way for people of all ages to participate in a healthy activity. This is a relatively low-cost activity and can be played with a parent, caregiver, grandparent or a friend. It does not require a registration fee like most other sports and activities, so it would be accessible to many families in our community.

In May 2019 our club reached out to council to offer financial support for the refurbishment of the tennis courts with funds raised through our annual Great Community Challenge. We

would be pleased to donate \$5000 toward the replacement of the tennis courts if it was to go ahead. I have attached the original letter for your reference.

We appreciate your consideration of investing in this recreational activity in our community and look forward to hearing the results of your decision at the July 13th council meeting.

Yours in Optimism,

Rachel Skillen

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